

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

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Richard C. ALLEN et al.

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For: USE OF PIGMENTED RETINAL

EPITHELIAL CELLS FOR CREATION OF AN IMMUNE PRIVILEGE SITE

Examiner: M. Wilson

Group Art Unit: 1633

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 21, 2001 (Paper No. 28) in connection with the above-identified application. A petition for a three month extension of time is attached, making this response due on March 21, 2002. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Applicants have given careful consideration to the grounds for rejection. The following amendments and remarks are believed to place this application in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.